

OPINIONS ON USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS

DOCKET #	CANDIDATE/PAC	TYPE OF EXPENDITURE	OPINION
2018-1210	Morgan Lamandre	Childcare expenses incurred as a result of participation in campaign events and activities	P
2018-674	Terry Brown	\$25 checks to graduating seniors in elected officials district after receipt of graduation announcement	A
2018-264	John Fortunato	Payments to son's company for campaign paraphernalia (consent opinion)	P
2017-042	Camille A. Morvant, II	Attendance and lodging fees, and per diems to attend local & out-of-state CLE seminars	A
2016-908	Jerome Richard	Candidate used funds for gambling habit/pay personal debts (consent opinion)	P
2015-1242	Justice Marcus Clark	Purchase books for law enforcement agencies	A
2015-785	Donovan K. Hudson	Legal fees incurred in defense of a challenge based on residency requirement	A
2015-692	Aaron J. Lawler	Foot operated scooter for canvassing and computer with software	A
2015-452	David Peralta	Campaign funds used for gambling at casinos (consent opinion)	P
2015-153	Leslie Schiff	Legal fees in connection with defending a formal charge filed with the Judiciary Commission	P

2014-1580	Rep. Joseph A. Harrison	Expenses to assist constituents and local and state authorities during emergency events, excluding the purchase of immovable property or a motor vehicle	A
2014-328	City Councilwoman LaToya Cantrell	Moving expenses incurred by newly hired Legislative Director.	P
2013-1518	Louisiana Fire and Casualty Company PAC	Donation to public agency	A
2013-1185	City Selectman Jimmie Randle, Jr.	Payments to individuals for driving voters to the polls on election day	P
2013-1025	Louisiana Bankers Association PAC	Contributions to a legislative caucus	P
2013-1025	Louisiana Bankers Association PAC	Contributions to other PACs	A
2013-860	Chief Mac Dickinson	Partial purchase of a motor vehicle	P
2013-364	Aldерwoman Renee Stringer	Contributions to other candidates	A
2013-354	Mayor Lorenz Walker	Donation to 501(c)(3) organization	A
2013-172	Parish Councilwoman Maureen O'Brien	Membership dues for organizations that enhance professional standing or stay in touch with constituents and meals at these meetings	A
2013-172	Parish Councilwoman Maureen O'Brien	To attend non-profit fundraisers	A
2013-172	Parish Councilwoman Maureen O'Brien	50% of the production cost of radio show about political issues concerning the political subdivision	A

2013-106	Judge Robert Murphy	Reimburse employees for the cost of their COBRA expenses	P
2013-106	Judge Robert Murphy	Pay salary of an employee of the Court of Appeal	P
2013-081	Mayor Hilda Curry	To place the City's progress report in the local paper	A
2012-1817	Louisiana Bankers Association PAC	Donation to the Old State Capitol Foundation	A
2012-1779	School Board Member Thomas Robichaux	Making expenditures while a CFDA fine is outstanding	P
2012-718	Donald Cravins, Sr.	Paid son as campaign manager (consent opinion)	P
2012-388	Sheriff Royce Toney	Legal fees incurred in connection with federal indictment	P
2011-1314	City Councilman Arnie Fielkow	Restricted donation to 501(c)(3) organization	A
2009-803	City-Parish President L.J. "Joey" Durel, Jr.	Travel expenses and clothes for spouse to attend events related to elected official's position	P
2009-803	City-Parish President L.J. "Joey" Durel, Jr.	Purchase of clothes incurred to attend events related to elected official's position	P
2009-756	Judge Donald R. Johnson	Reimbursement of legal expenses incurred in defense of a complaint filed with Judiciary Commission	P
2009-671	Jefferson Parish School Board Members	Expenses to prepare personal financial disclosure reports	A

2009-574	Judge Kay Bates	Tuition costs and travel and lodging expenses for state judges to attend CLE seminars, provided amount is not more than that determined reasonable by Supreme Ct.	A
2009-543	Louisiana Sheriffs	Expenses to prepare and file personal financial disclosure reports	A
2009-518	City Councilwoman Maria DeFrancesch	Telephone expenses at residence used exclusively for campaign and constituent purposes	A
2008-668	John T. Lavarine, III	Use funds from election to pay debt incurred in a past election	P
2008-440	FuturePAC	Contribution to Capital Region Legislative Delegation for administration and events	P
2008-335	Judge Allen A. Krake	Legal fees in connection with investigation by Judiciary Commission	P
2007-787	James David Cain	Donations for birthday gifts and for indigent constituents and events/organizations that were not 501(c)(3) organizations (consent opinion)	P
2007-786	Clayton Fauchaux	Donations for expenses of indigent constituents	P
2007-556	Parish President Will Langlinalis	Legal fees in connection with civil and criminal lawsuits that arose from Legislative Audit	P
2007-481	Mayor Edward J. Price, III	Loan money to personal business of candidate	P

2007-326	Parish President Will Langlinais	Legal fees to respond to legislative audit/investigation	A
2007-274	Rep. John Schroder	Lease of space owned by candidate or candidate's wholly-owned S-corporation. Purchase of real estate for office	P
2007-227	Pam Malveaux	Legal fees in connection with school board position when campaign funds exhausted before legal proceedings but were disclosed as debts	A
2007-148	Rep. Hollis H. Downs	Lease/purchase of vehicle to be used exclusively for campaign/office	A
2007-148	Rep. Hollis H. Downs	Purchase house in B.R.	P
2007-148	Rep. Hollis H. Downs	Rent for dwelling in B.R. when performing official duties or for campaign purposes, to extent not reimbursed by Legislature	A
2007-148	Rep. Hollis H. Downs	Purchase of furnishing/appliances for B.R. dwelling, provided dwelling is not used for personal use and not reimbursed by Legislature for expenses	A
2007-021	Local Union No. 16 of the Intn'l Union of Elevator Constructors	PAC dissolving and donating funds to funds of Local 16, if charitable contributions	A
2006-619	Chief Arthur Lawson	Legal fees of police chief to defend against charges involving actions of the police department during a hurricane	A

2005-452	Judge C. Hunter King	Payments to an immediate family member or a company owned by an immediate family member (consent opinion)	P
2005-317	Judge Arthur L. Hunter, Jr.	Tuition for New Orleans Regional Leadership Institute	A
2005-078	Elliot Willard	Cash payments to campaign workers (consent opinion)	P
2005-011	District Attorney Eddie Jordan	Legal fees/expenses for discrimination lawsuit filed by former employees	A
2005-007	Judge Lloyd Medley, Jr.	Legal fees to attend CLE in Italy	P
2004-863	Parish Councilman Doug Hillensbeck	Legal fees for past election, when no surplus for that election (cannot collect contribution for that election)	P
2004-647	Judge Alan Green	Legal fees and expenses in connection w/ criminal indictment	P
2004-399	Sen. Reggie Dupre	Reimburse for purchase of LSU tickets for campaign raffle	A
2004-344	Baron D. Glass	Cash payments to campaign workers	P
2004-313	Rep. Damon Baldone	Hot sauce bottle for troops if to promote candidacy	A
2004-133	Mayor Ronnie C. Harris	Produce local government and community TV program	A
2004-081	Parish Councilwoman Jaclyn Hotard	Early termination fee for cell phone when public entity required use of phone	A
2003-1060	Val Lowery	Cash payments to campaign workers	P

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2003-1060	Val Lowery	Contribution received for current election used for expense incurred in prior election	P
2003-992	Pat Todd, Jr.	Making expenditures while a CFDA fine is outstanding	P
2003-909	Judge Roland Belsome	Future election	A
2003-813	Sheriff Jack Strain	Legal fees to file a civil law suit alleging defamation of character by another candidate	A
2003-811	Parish Councilman James A. "Red" Thompson	Legal fees to defend a law suit objecting to candidacy and a lawsuit that position on counsel violated dual office holding laws	A
2003-697	Judge Timothy E. Kelley	Legal fees in successful defense of complaint	A
2003-693	City Councilman Thomas Kates	Donation to City to be used for lighting of a ballpark in his district	A
2003-589	Robert C. Johnson	Monetary scholarships for college students living in the district	P
2003-601	Governor M. J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.	Support of another candidate	A
2003-126	Judge Charlie Quienalty	to attend legal education seminars after retirement	A
2002-819	Sheriff J. Edward Layrisson	legal fees in criminal investigation where no charges filed	A
2002-616	Chief Bill Landry	To attend National Law Enforcement Memorial	A
2002-545	Commissioner of Agriculture Bob Odom	Legal fees/expenses from criminal indictment	A
2002-525	Rep. Damon J. Baldone	Donate show for high school students	A

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2002-397c	Judge Ronald Bodenheimer	To defray criminal defense expenses in charges related to office	A
2002-397b	Judge Ronald Bodenheimer	Overruled by 2002-397c	
2002-397	Judge Ronald Bodenheimer	Criminal defense of drug charges	P
2002-351	Lucia M. Sandoz	Personal security costs during campaign	A
2002-170	Rep. William B. Daniel, IV	Transfer funds from future election campaign to satisfy debt from a p	P
2001-776	Dist. Attorney Anthony G. "Tony" Falterman	Purchase an antique vehicle for parades and functions	A
2001-769	Judge Janice Clark	Personal appearance and wardrobe enhancements	P
2001-685	Rep. Pinkie Wilkerson (dec.)	Endowed professorship at Grambling	A
2001-470	Scot M. Masson	Portion of rent of home for campaign office	P
2001-314	Cenla Building PAC	Contribution to LSUA and/or legislator	A
2001-142	Police Juror Vern Bidwell	Automobile expenses	A
2001-030	Sen. Robert J. Barham	Purchase and maintain vehicle for official duties	A
2000-684	Parish Councilman Ronnie Bankston	Pay ethics fines	P
2000-581	Jay C. Zainey	Purchase long term life insurance	A
2000-548	Assessor Jeff Taylor	Reimbursement of childcare costs from prior years	P
2000-543	Police Chief Adrian Genre	Legal fees in connection with federal perjury charge	P
2000-517	Greater Baton Rouge Build PAC	Paying for expenses of monthly association meeting	A

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2000-493	Sheriff Greg Champagne	Invest campaign funds in CD mutual funds	A
2000-437	Metro Councilman Darrell P. Ourso	Childcare expenses	A
2000-090	District Attorney Michael Harson	candy donated to throw counts as in-kind contribution	A
2000-005	Parish Councilman Joe "Coach" Thomas	Purchase of office equipment and tuxedo	A
1999-891	Senator Mike Branch	Invest campaign funds in the stock market	P
1999-721	Senator Fred Hoyt	Investing surplus campaign funds with American Express Financial Advisors, Inc	A
1999-597	Parish Councilman Joseph S. Di Fatta, Jr.	Washington Fly-In	A
1999-559	Sheriff Harry Lee	Oppose a candidate	A
1999-289	Sheriff Harry Lee	Mardi Gras throws with name or image	A
1999-220	LA Surplus Line Ass'n PAC	Sharing expenses for a legislative reception	A
1999-220	Professional Insurance Agents PAC	Professional Insurance Agents PAC using PAC funds for reception (see above)	A
1999-115	Donald R. Jones Campaign Committee 2000, Inc. & Donald R. Jones	Contribution to another candidate in excess of contribution limit (consent opinion)	P
1998-941	Ed Reed	Contributions to Jimmie Davis Centennial Committee, a 501(c)(3) corp	A
1998-745	Mayor Timothy P. Kerner	Purchase suits, shirts and ties	P
1998-386	School Board Member Cedric Floyd	Loan to individual who was not a candidate for public office (consent opinion)	P

1998-232	General Opinion invalidated by AG	Appropriate use of Campaign Funds	
1998-192	Judge Charley Quienalty	Attend post-legislative continuing legal education seminar	A
1998-030/ 1998-032	Sen. Francis Heitmeier Rep. Glenn Ansardi	Participating in parades	A
1998-013	Senator Jay Dardenne	Purchase paraphernalia for parades and public appearances	A
1997-845	Rep. Gregory L. Fruge'	Attend a function or fund-raiser of another legislator	A
1997-842	City Councilman Oliver Thomas	Purchase prescriptions, jewelry, clothing, optical supplies and pet medical services	P
1997-842	City Councilman Oliver Thomas	Provide financial assistance to constituents	P
1997-817	Diane Heuschen	Join a local civic organization (Mardi Gras parade)	P
1997-814	Public Service Commissioner Don Owen	Purchase hearing aids	P
1997-608	City Councilman Terry McCarthy	Loans made to himself or spouse (consent opinion)	P
1997-607	Sen. Heulette "Clo" Fontenot	Attend a Political Campaign Training Seminar in Chicago	A
1997-547	Orleans Parish Democratic Executive Committee	Produce, publish and circulate a newsletter about elected officials	A
1997-475	City Councilman Charles L. Mar	Cash payments to workers (consent opinion)	P
1997-356	Judge Alvin Turner, Jr.	Membership dues for judicial organization	A
1997-356	Judge Alvin Turner, Jr.	Retirement luncheon for a retiring judge	P

1997-070	Judge Alvin Turner	Purchase clothing for an underprivileged child	P
1996-093	Malcolm J. Peytavin	Auction items purchased with campaign funds for personal use	P
1996-056	School Board Member Barry Bordelon	Posting a reward for information leading to school arsonist's arrest	A
1995-189	Rep. Charles R. Anding	Personal use of funds collected before 1988, but not segregated	P
1995-170	Steve Myers	Reimbursement for out of pocket expenses	A
1995-144	Judge Alvin Turner, Jr.	Use of funds to purchase Bayou Classic football tickets for constituents in district	not enough facts
1995-127	Parish President Michael Yenni	Contributors opting to put return of contribution in trust fund for children	A
1995-105	Judge Jefferson D. Hughes, III	Purchase a pick-up truck	A
1994-122	Parish Councilman Nicholas P. Giambelluca, Sr.	Computer for campaign, then donated to school	A
1994-121	general opinion	Contribution to other candidates	A
1994-110	Rep. Avery C. Alexander	Buy into the State Retirement System	P
1994-077	Public Service Commissioner Don L. Owen	Partial purchase of a van	A
1994-059	Michael B. Bruno	Repayment of loans made prior to July 15, 1988, converted to personal use	A

1993-148	Danatus N. King	Candidate hiring himself, spouse, or minor child as campaign manager or other positions	P
1993-141	School Board Member Judy Boykin	Legal fees for contempt charges	A
1992-160	Wayne R. Rogillio	Legal fees in defamation lawsuit against opponent	A
1992-020	James S. Burland	Travel and meals while campaigning or holding office extraordinary clothing	A
1991-084	general opinion	Future election	A
1991-050	general opinion	Appropriate use of campaign funds	